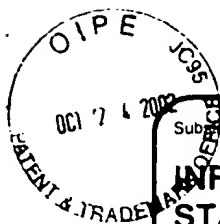


Best Available Copy

PTO/SB/08A (10-96)



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number 09/380,372
 Filing Date September 1, 1999
 First Named Inventor KITAMURA et al.
 Group Art Unit 1651
 Examiner Name L. Lanford, Jr.
 Attorney Docket Number KITAMURA=1

RECEIVED

OCT 28

TECH CENTER

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document Number	Kind Code* (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Office	Foreign Patent Number	Kind Code* (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ¹

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ²

Examiner Signature

Lanford

Date Considered

10/1/2003

* EXAMINER Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609 Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant

Unique citation designation number See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST 3) For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST 16 if possible Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached